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John E. Kidd retired from Clifford Chance US, a global lawfirm, in 2005. When Rogers & Wells merged with Clifford Chance in 2000, he became the Global Leader of the firm's 130-attorney Intellectual Property International Network. From 1984 to 2000, Mr. Kidd was the managing partner of the IP Groups at the firms Anderson Kill, Shea & Gould and Rogers & Wells.

Mr. Kidd began his litigation career as a trial attorney for five years with the US Department of Justice and later returned for an assignment as Special Counsel. For the next 30 years, Mr. Kidd was in private practice, and he concentrated his practice upon representing plaintiffs or defendants in intellectual property trials, in particular, U.S. jury trials and counseling his clients on licensing of technology and business ventures. He is also a former Patent Examiner and Patent advisor to the U.S. Navy. He is admitted to practice before many Federal Courts in the U.S. as well as the Law Society of England and Wales and a member of the European Patent Lawyer Association.

Over the years, Mr. Kidd's has participated in over 120 patent lawsuits for clients such as, Baseball Hall of Fame, E.I. du Pont, Genentech, Honda, Harvey Kurtzman (Mad Magazine), McDonald's, NTT DoCoMo and Pfizer.

In the business world Mr. Kidd has been an officer and chairman of several family owned companies. In 2004 Mr. Kidd was an IESC Volunteer Executive, and he worked with W.I.P.O. and the Jordanian Patent Office in Amman, Jordan on a U.S. A.I.D. funded project. In the 1990's, Mr. Kidd began to concentrate on alternate dispute resolution. To date he has participated in over 50 ADR proceedings, first as counsel to his clients and now as a neutral. He has completed hundreds of hours of basic and advanced training as a neutral in mediation, and arbitration, both as a student and as an instructor. Since 2000 he has acted as chairman of ADR committees for several bar associations, and he is currently (2005) a member of the CPR, the IBA, WIPO and the Federal Circuit Mediation Panel. He is also registered with AAA, CPR, Fed. Cir., ICC and WIPO as an IP arbitrator and mediator.

Mr. Kidd is listed in the *International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers* and his peers in the past have rated him as "one of the very best trial lawyers at the patent bar." Mr. Kidd was formerly the co-chairman of the New York Chapter of the Licensing Executives Society (LES).

Mr. Kidd graduated with a BS in Physics in 1957 from LeMoyne College and in 1961 from Georgetown University Law School.